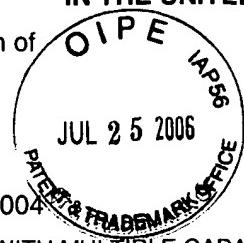


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AND METHOD

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Sir:

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

 Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.**Fees are attached as calculated below:**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 27, 2006, Applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-12, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of all claims 1-23 is sufficiently related that a thorough search of the subject matter of any one group of claims would necessarily encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "[i]f the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits even though it includes

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claims to distinct or independent inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is thus respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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